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REMARKS

In the above-identified office action, the Examiner has objected to claim 1, noting the second occurrence of T in claim 1 had been retained. The Applicant has deleted the second occurrence of T and accordingly claim 1 is now considered acceptable.

Claims 9, 14 and 15 have been rejected because of certain noted informalities.

Claim 9 has been cancelled and claims 14 and 15 have been amended as required.

Claims 1, 4-8, 14, 15, 17 and 20-22 have been rejected as anticipated by Kim.

Claim 18 has been rejected as unpatentable over Kim in view of Alowersson.

However, claims 9, 11-13 and 16 have been objected to as dependent upon the rejected base claim but allowable if placed in independent form. Applicant has combined claims 1, 8 and 9 to create a claim indicated by the Examiner as allowable. In addition, Applicant has amended claim 17 so that it also incorporates the allowable components of claims 8 and 9 and thus, claims 17 to 22 are also considered allowable.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and reexamination thereof.

With the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered ready for allowance and Applicant earnestly solicits an early notice of same. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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